

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for cutting weeds in a body of water, the apparatus comprising:

- (a) a trolling motor having a top and a bottom,
- (b) a handle attached to the top of the trolling motor,
- (c) a shaft having two ends, a top end and a bottom end, the top end of the shaft attached to the bottom of the trolling motor,
- (d) a base having two ends, a first end and a second end, the base being cylindrical in shape, the bottom end of the shaft attached to the base between the first end and the second end of the base,
- (e) a propeller base axially attached to the second end of the base, the propeller base being rotatable,
- (f) a plurality of propeller blades attached to the propeller base, the propeller blades being evenly dispersed around the perimeter of the propeller base,
- (g) a tail fin attached to the base near the second end of the base,
- (h) a pair of knives comprising a first knife and a second knife, each knife having two ends, a dull end and a sharp end, each ~~knife~~ knife having a forty-five degree bend about one-fourth the distance between the sharp end and the dull end, the bend on each knife being closer to the sharp end than the dull end,

- (i) at least one clamp for securing the dull end of each knife to the base, wherein each of the knives is one-hundred eighty degrees from the other knife, and further wherein the sharp end of each knife extends away from the base,
- (j) wherein forward movement of the base causes the propeller blades to move weeds within a body of water against the knives, thereby cutting the weeds.

Claim 2 (previously presented): An apparatus for cutting weeds in a body of water according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus includes two clamps for securing the dull end of each knife to the base.

Claim 3 (previously presented): An apparatus for cutting weeds in a body of water according to claim 2 wherein one of the two clamps is located between the first end of the base and the shaft and the other clamp is located between the second end of the base and the shaft.

Claim 4 (previously presented): An apparatus for cutting weeds in a body of water according to claim 2 wherein both of the clamps are located in between the first end of the base and the shaft.